



Burlingame Named New Chief for Steamboat Springs Police *25-Year Law Enforcement Veteran Selected to Lead Department*

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-December 20, 2021-Sherry Burlingame has been named the new Police Chief for the Steamboat Springs Police Department. Burlingame comes from Tempe, Arizona, where she served as Assistant Chief for the nearly 500-person Tempe Police Department.

"I'm excited to announce the selection of Sherry as the new Police Chief for the city," said City Manager Gary Suiter. "Sherry brings a wealth of community policing experience and has also been instrumental in reaching out to groups and ensuring everyone across the community is represented at the table. I truly feel she is the right person for our community and the police department."

"I am honored and proud to be selected to lead the men and women of the Steamboat Springs Police Department and to serve with the Steamboat Springs community," said Burlingame. "Together, our police department and our community will work towards collaborative and creative solutions in our pursuit of excellence in service and public safety."

Most recently, Burlingame worked as the Assistant Chief for the Tempe Police Department. During that time, she led the Investigations and Personnel Services Bureau and the Support Services Bureau that served a diverse community of more than 185,000 residents.

Prior to the Tempe Police Department, Burlingame served in various command positions for the Mesa Police Department. Before her policing career, she was employed in the private sector and served as a Captain in the United States Air Force. Throughout her career, she has been active cross the community working with Hispanic and faith-based communities, the NAACP, LGBTQ+, and several committees in leadership roles.



With a Bachelor of Science degree in Operations Management from Pennsylvania State University and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of North Dakota, Burlingame is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the Senior Management Institute for Policing (SMIP), and the Police Executive Leadership Institute (PELI).

"I feel this community is a great fit for me and my family and I look forward to becoming part of the Steamboat Springs community," continued Burlingame. "I have had the pleasure to meet many of our officers and professional staff in the police department and their dedication and commitment to serve this community is readily apparent. I am excited to advance our efforts to work with the community to improve public safety in the Yampa Valley."

Burlingame was selected after a lengthy nationwide search conducted by Public Sector Search and Consulting Inc., a California-based search firm specializing in hiring law enforcement officials. She emerged as the top candidate from a pool of five finalists which were narrowed down from more than 25 applicants.

"My thanks go out to everyone who participated in the process, including the Meet & Greet, the Community Interview Panel, SSPD employees, and city staff, all of whom provided invaluable input into my decision," continued Suiter.

Chief Burlingame's first day on the job in Steamboat Springs is scheduled for Monday, January 17, 2022.

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